

# The Value of Life

## *The Ten Commandments*

**Exodus 20:13**     *“You shall not murder.*

### **Controversial Issues**

- Killing in self-defense
- War
- Capital punishment
- Euthanasia

*All of the Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God  
and the Scripture does not contradict itself.*

**The killing of animals for food and clothing is not \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.*

**Genesis 9:3-4**

**Self-\_\_\_\_\_ is not murder.**

*“If a thief is caught breaking in and is struck so that he dies, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; but if it happens after sunrise, he is guilty of bloodshed. **Exodus 22:2***

**W\_\_\_\_\_ is not murder.**

*[There is] a time for war and a time for peace. **Ecclesiastes 3:8***

**Accidental killing is not murder.**

*“Anyone who strikes a man and kills him shall surely be put to death. However, if he does not do it intentionally, but God lets it happen, he is to flee to a place I will designate.*

**Exodus 21:12-13**

**Capital \_\_\_\_\_ is not murder.**

*And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting... from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.*

**Genesis 9:5-6**

*But if a man schemes and kills another man deliberately, take him away from my altar and put him to death. **Exodus 21:14***

## **Murder in California**

- Death penalty suspended by Gavin Newsom
- Currently, 650 individuals on death row
- 2,197 murders in California in 2022 alone

## **Precautions is prescribing the death penalty God gave in the Old Testament**

- Testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses—Deut. 19
- More than one judge needed—Exod. 20:32
- No partiality to the rich—Exod. 23:6-7

*“Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty. Exodus 23:6-7*

*When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong. Ecclesiastes 8:11*

*Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. Isaiah 59:15*

## **What is forbidden by the commandment?**

### **1. Deliberate taking of a human life.**

*“If a man strikes someone with an iron object so that he dies, he is a murderer; the murderer shall be put to death. Numbers 35:16*

### **2. S \_\_\_\_\_ is murder.**

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19*

***Every minute of your life has a purpose.  
Your challenge is to find out what that purpose is and to fulfill it.***

### **3. N \_\_\_\_\_ homicide is murder.**

*“If a bull gores a man or a woman to death, the bull must be stoned to death, and its meat must not be eaten. But the owner of the bull will not be held responsible. Exodus 21:28*

*If, however, the bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull must be stoned and the owner also must be put to death. **Exodus 21:29***

**4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is murder.**

*“If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, **Exodus 21:22-23***

**5. E \_\_\_\_\_ is murder.**

**Questions about the end of life**

1. Are you using ordinary or extraordinary means to \_\_\_\_\_ the person alive?
2. Are you prolonging life or delaying death?
3. Are you causing it to happen or permitting it to happen? (active or passive)
4. Are you honoring the wishes of the person who faces death?

***Christians should \_\_\_\_\_ life as a gift of God  
from conception to the very end.***

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. **Matthew 5:38-39***

*For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. **Romans 13:4***

*“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ **Matthew 5:21***

*But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. **Matthew 5:22***

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